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FORT MCMURRAY WILDFIRE

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Mike Fieldhouse and Tamara Soltykevych were just two of the many regular citizens compelled to help victims of the Fort McMurray wildfire trapped along Highway 63. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

Citizen army wants to help

ROADBLOCKS

Volunteers being stopped on approach to Fort McMurray

Tim Querengesser
IN FORT MCMURRAY

Over and over they continued to arrive.

But it's not only officials who want to help the tens of thousands of evacuees — it's regular people.

Along Highway 63, where abandoned cars still line the ditches, a citizen army of helpers compelled to do something are giving people what they can.

Mike Boyer came from Edmonton on a whim.

"It's hard to sit at home and watch the news and watch Facebook and see all these people struggling sitting behind a computer," Boyer said, with piles of bottled water filling the back of his SUV.

"I went straight to Costco and bought a thousand bucks in water and hit the road."

The police blockade of Fort McMurray hasn't stopped many people from arriving in the town wanting to offer something to the 20,000 trapped at an oilsands camp north of the city.

All around them is a blaze that has grown to an almost unfathomable 85,000 hectares, sending the loved ones of those trapped into a near panic.

And if Wednesday was the day of the monster fire cloud, Thursday was the day of help arriving — from Canadian Task Force Two to endless convoys of police and fire vehicles from across the province.

Some came so far only to be stopped at the edge of the city, and those people made their frustration clear.

"Why do you have the road blocked if you have volunteers lined up for miles?" asked Rob Davidson at the check stop.

Davidson drove more than eight hours from his home in Calgary, his truck packed with gasoline, diesel, diapers and toilet paper.

"There's people down there waiting (to help), there's people over here waiting, and yet we can't get through," he said. "Here we are on Day 11 (of the fire) and we finally got the (Canadian Task Force Two) disaster relief. It's very unorganized."

Soon after Metro spoke with Davidson, the southern edge of the fire that had closed access to Fort McMurray advanced and all people were told to evacuate south.

> **I went straight to Costco and bought a thousand bucks of water and hit the road.** Mike Boyer

Tim Querengesser is the managing editor of Metro Edmonton. He has written about Fort McMurray for various publications and has covered western and northern Canada since 2008.

'I can't just sit and watch'

The human emotion at the southern end of Fort McMurray, still barricaded by police for all but emergency personnel, was encapsulated Thursday in the form of Mehdi Tasbihsazzadeh.

Tasbihsazzadeh — for unexplained reasons dressed in camouflage — marched up to two police officers at the barricade Thursday morning and pleaded repeatedly to be let through.

"I can't just sit and watch," he said loudly, explaining that his mother and father are in a northern camp.

"Everything I have is down there," Tasbihsazzadeh pleaded, pointing toward Fort McMurray.

"There's nothing you can do here," a police officer replied, adding that even his own house, just like Tasbihsazzadeh's, was threatened and that he was following directions to stay safe.

Only a few kilometres away, the southern edge of the wildfire was burning and had spread to both sides of Highway 63, the only road into the city.

Mehdi Tasbihsazzadeh
KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

Dejected, Tasbihsazzadeh returned to his van, where he slept Wednesday night, and said he'd stay for "two weeks" if he had to. TIM QUERENGESSER/METRO

Firefighters Cory, Cole, Tarren, Charles and Jason took a minute Thursday to refuel in Wandering River before heading back to fight the wildfire that threatening parts of Fort McMurray. They declined to offer their last names as they were not authorized to speak to media. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

Firefighters called back to the flames

WANDERING RIVER

Firefighters speak of scenes inside Fort McMurray

Tim Querengesser
Metro | Edmonton

Outside the A&W in Wandering River — the only place within 250 kilometres of isolated Fort McMurray that you can still buy a hot meal — a crew of five firefighters scarfed down french fries Thursday before jumping back into fighting the flames.

The crew, part of Alberta Wildfire forces, have been fighting the blaze within Fort McMurray for the past five days. But on Wednesday night, as the wildfire grew and began pouncing upon the city's airport, even they were forced to evacuate.

On Thursday, they were heading back in.

"We were like going to bed, trying to go to sleep, and we got evacuated from there, to Boyle (a town 300 kilometres south of Fort McMurray)," said one of the firefighters, a young man we will not name as he was not authorized to speak to media.

"It's just mayhem, it's crazy," he said. "They finally got a plan together so they're sending us back in today. We're going to the airport right now, actually, and all the other crews are going to designated sites."

> It's mayhem. Everything — houses, everything, gone.
> Firefighter

The firefighter, wearing a yellow suit darkened with ash, said he's felt afraid and on edge throughout the fight, as the flames are intense. He said he's been drinking 20 bottles of water per day, just to deal with the heat.

And he said he's seen this all before — he fought the Slave Lake fire, too.

For that reason, his thoughts on Fort McMurray are even more poignant.

"It's just gone man," he said.

"It's mayhem. Everything — houses, everything, gone. Walmart's gone, Shell blew up. We heard the explosion. We were right there, down by the river. We got pulled out of there."

His boss came to the truck and told everyone it was time to go.

"Last night was a 22-hour day, with two to three hours' sleep if you're lucky," he said.

"And they're sending us back in."

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Syrian refugees are giving back

Lucie Edwardson
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Syrian refugees are giving what little they have to support those who can do nothing but watch as their lives and homes burn in Fort McMurray.

Rita Khanchat — who came to Calgary with her family in late December as they fled the civil war in Syria — along with other Syrian refugees and volunteers from the Syrian Refugee Support Group (SRSG) are putting together personal hygiene kits for evacuees.

Elie and his father, Salem Kallas, with wife Rita Khanchat, right, and SRSG co-founder Saima Jamal. JENNIFER FRIESEN/FOR METRO

Saima Jamal, co-founder of the SRSG, said all the refugees the SRSG has helped are donating at least $5 and whatever else they can afford.

The refugees are collecting hygiene items such as shampoo, conditioner, toothbrushes and toothpaste as well as feminine products.

Danger delaying rescue of pets

Jeremy Simes
For Metro | Calgary

Help is on the way for some of Fort McMurray's displaced and stranded animals, though the situation appears to have worsened, according to SPCA workers in the area.

Raging wildfires on Tuesday left more than 200 animals stranded in their homes.

On Thursday, rescuers said they don't expect to conduct rescue operations until Monday. "It's still too dangerous to go into town," Bailot said. "We know animals are in people's cars that have been abandoned on the road."

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Loss spurs kindness

Élise Boissonneault in her wedding dress before she was forced to leave it behind when she left Fort McMurray on Tuesday.
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SOCIAL MEDIA

Bride-to-be flooded with offers to replace wedding dress

Steven Goetz
For Metro | Toronto

Élise Boissonneault was meant to spend Tuesday packing and getting her nails done before she and fiancé Brandon Phillippo left Fort McMurray for Toronto for their wedding.

Instead Boissonneault had to run.

"It happened so quick," Boissonneault told Metro, describing the flames descending on the city, forcing its evacuation.

With no choice but to head north away from Phillippo — who was working at the CN rail yard south of town — she packed up everything she could and started to drive.

Not in the car was her wedding dress. It was still at the home of a women she hired to make alterations: "She had my dress and, I mean, that was the least of her worries. I've been told her house is gone."

Reuniting when the southbound highway reopened, the couple flew to Toronto Thursday.

"We just decided we weren't going to let this ruin our day,' Boissonneault said.

Boissonneault had spent months searching far and wide for her dress, but ended up finding it right in Fort McMurray. With the dress now lost, a friend in Halifax and the couple's Toronto wedding photographer posted to Facebook asking for help.

The outpouring of support has been overwhelming, with hundreds of individuals from coast to coast offering their dresses to the bride-to-be.

"I would love to wear them all," she said.

On Saturday, the Cape Breton natives will be married at a small ceremony on Toronto Island in front of friends and family flying in from east and west. Some guests won't make it, forced to remain in Alberta to see if homes can be salvaged and lives rebuilt.

For now, the couple is trying to focus on their big day. After, as husband and wife, they will return, "hoping we have a home still standing."

NON-PROFIT

Care packages en route from Toronto

Gilbert Ngabo
Metro | Toronto

A Toronto non-profit is working around the clock to send care packages to those displaced by a raging wildfire in Fort McMurray.

On Thursday, GlobalMedic sent out 2,000 packages containing toothbrushes, soap, toothpaste and face towels to Alberta, where they will be distributed to people in shelters.

"We're following the situation closely to see what's needed and starting to reach out to collect more," said GlobalMedic executive director Rahul Singh.

The group put out a notice Wednesday and within a couple of hours dozens of volunteers signed up to collect and pack the items, Singh said.

"It was overwhelming. Some of them worked overnight to get the packs ready," he said.

As emergency crews continue to battle the fire, Singh said it's important for everyone to come together and offer support to "our sisters and brothers in Alberta."

GlobalMedic provided similar support in Ecuador following the recent earthquake. Singh said the catastrophe in Fort McMurray will require a united aid effort from across Canada.

"I don't want anyone out there to think what's been done is going to solve all the problems," he said.

Volunteers pack items at the GlobalMedic warehouse. CONTRIBUTED

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LCBO lands sold for $260M

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New mixed-use development coming to Queen's Quay E.

Luke Simcoe
Metro | Toronto

The provincial government has found a buyer for 11 acres of LCBO-owned land along Toronto's waterfront — but there's no guarantee proceeds from the sale will be reinvested in the city.

Finance Minister Charles Sousa announced Thursday that the parcel of land along Queen's Quay — which includes the LCBO headquarters, a liquor store and warehouse — will be sold to Menkes Developments Ltd. for $260 million.

"The gain from the sale of the LCBO head office lands exceeds our projections and is another positive step forward in our plan to invest in infrastructure projects," Sousa said.

Revenue from the sale will go into the Ontario Trillium Trust, which helps fund transit and other infrastructure projects in the province. However, Sousa wouldn't commit to earmarking the money for investment in Toronto.

"The people of Toronto will be well-served by this transaction," he said.

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> **The people of Toronto will be well-served by this transaction.**
> Charles Sousa

Menkes has said the development will include a 24-storey office tower, 300,000 square feet of retail space, "a new residential community" and a two-acre park.

The LCBO headquarters and retail outlet will be housed in the office tower, but the warehouse will be relocated, Sousa said. Construction is expected to begin in the fall of 2017 and be completed by 2021.

The existing liquor store on Queens Quay is expected to remain open during construction.

IN BRIEF

Loku response questioned
A Canadian Mental Health Association executive director is asking if police did enough to save Andrew Loku after the father of five was shot by an unnamed officer last July. Steve Lurie says it doesn't appear that police attempted to give Loku CPR until almost 10 minutes after the shooting, citing surveillance video.
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Officer faces new charge
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Saying 'I love you' to Mumbai mom

WELCOMEPACK CANADA

Contest winner sends flowers home for her special day

Steven Goetz
For Metro | Toronto

Aaron D'Souza and mom Adelaide, left, in Mumbai. CONTRIBUTED

It can be hard to reach out to mom when she lives on the other side of the world.

"It is extremely difficult to leave your house, your family," said Aaron D'Souza, a newcomer to Canada from Mumbai. "You never know when you will be back next because you are trying to settle down and there is a lot of uncertainty."

D'Souza and his wife moved to Toronto to look for work and start a family two months ago, leaving friends and family behind in India.

On Sunday, flowers will be delivered to his mother Adelaide's home in Mumbai, courtesy of WelcomePack Canada, a company that offers care packages to newcomers.

"We want to help ease the journey," Andrew Srinarayan told Metro. "One of the hard things about coming to a new country is leaving parents back home, especially on special occasions like Mother's Day."

D'Souza was one of seven contest winners whose mothers will receive flowers, chocolates or beauty products, in cities including Manila, Beijing, Guangzhou, New Delhi and Karachi.

"I chose flowers, because I think they are the best way to say, 'I love you and I miss you,'" D'Souza said. "All mothers like flowers."

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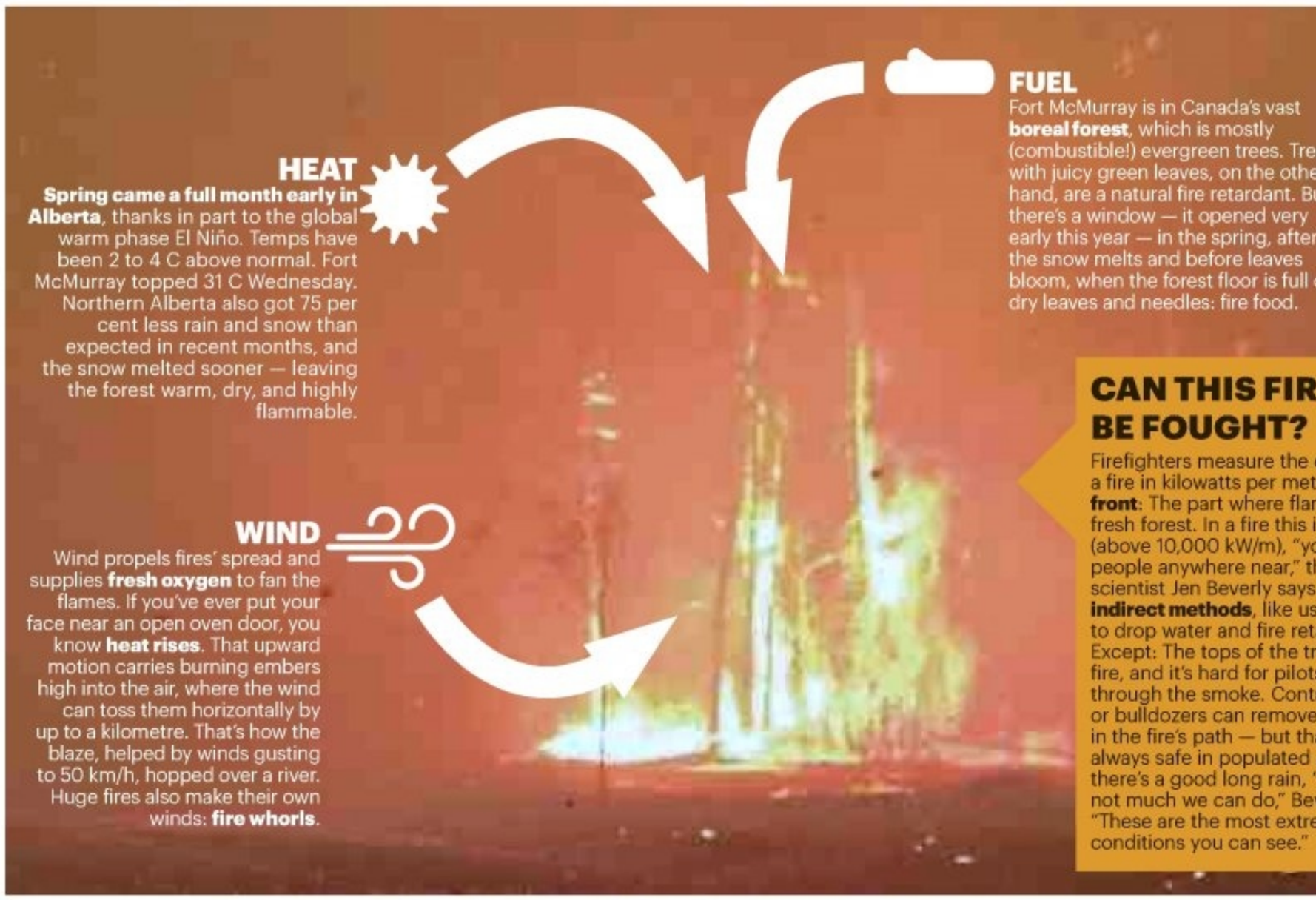
SCIENCE SAYS Weekend, May 6-May 8, 2016

DREAM DRAGONS New science suggests it's not just birds and mammals: Australian dragon lizards have dreamy REM sleep, too.

DECODED Wildfire science

FANNING THE FLAMES OF DISASTER

Forest fires happen every year, and a bit of burning is important for a healthy ecosytem. But this season is different — and not just because **the city of Fort McMurray is in the path of destruction.** In the words of Jen Beverly, who teaches fire science and management at the University of Alberta, this conflagration is "about as explosive as you can get." Here's why.


HEAT
Spring came a full month early in Alberta, thanks in part to the global warm phase El Niño. Temps have been 2 to 4 C above normal. Fort McMurray topped 31 C Wednesday. Northern Alberta also got 75 per cent less rain and snow than expected in recent months, and the snow melted sooner — leaving the forest warm, dry, and highly flammable.
FUEL
Fort McMurray is in Canada's vast boreal forest, which is mostly (combustible!) evergreen trees. Trees with juicy green leaves, on the other hand, are a natural fire retardant. But there's a window — it opened very early this year — in the spring, after the snow melts and before leaves bloom, when the forest floor is full of dry leaves and needles: fire food.
WIND
Wind propels fires' spread and supplies fresh oxygen to fan the flames. If you've ever put your face near an open oven door, you know heat rises. That upward motion carries burning embers high into the air, where the wind can toss them horizontally by up to a kilometre. That's how the blaze, helped by winds gusting to 50 km/h, hopped over a river. Huge fires also make their own winds: fire whorls.
CAN THIS FIRE BE FOUGHT?
Firefighters measure the energy of a fire in kilowatts per metre of fire front: The part where flames meet fresh forest. In a fire this intense (above 10,000 kW/m), "you can't put people anywhere near," the front, scientist Jen Beverly says. That leaves indirect methods, like using planes to drop water and fire retardant. Except: The tops of the trees are on fire, and it's hard for pilots to see through the smoke. Controlled burns or bulldozers can remove some fuel in the fire's path — but that's not always safe in populated areas. Until there's a good long rain, "there's not much we can do," Beverly says. "These are the most extreme burning conditions you can see."

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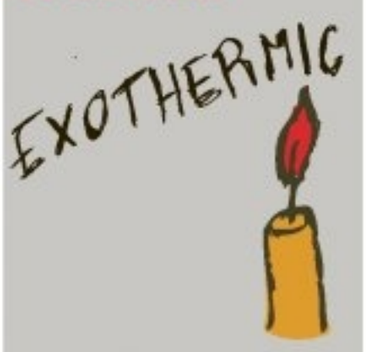
FINDINGS
Your week in science

THE WAY TO A LAB'S HEART ... is through his stomach, as Labrador retriever owners everywhere know. Now science supports them: A new paper in Cell Metabolism identifies a gene variation found in the most "food-motivated" labs. A.K.A.: These pups will do anything for treats, including obey commands. It seems to more be common in service dogs — and obese ones.

THE BEST (FLU) SHOT Babies whose moms get a flu shot while pregnant are 70 per cent less likely to have a confirmed case of flu in their first six months, says a Utah study of 245,000 mothers.

SOUND SMART



DEFINITION
Exothermic chemical reactions **release energy in the form of heat**. Combustion (a type of oxidation reaction), is the ultimate example.

USE IT IN A SENTENCE
Carlos's metabolism must be very **exothermic** — he's a human torch! Seriously, his bear hugs could be used to treat people with hypothermia.

CITIZEN SCIENTIST by Genna Buck

Can I grow vegetables in my condo?

How does science say I should grow veggies indoors in a condo? — Ed, Mississauga, Ont.

First, a disclaimer: Every plant I've ever owned has died in my care, with the sole exception of the withering rose on my desk, and its days are numbered.

I'm used to wading in B.S. (bad science) online. But never have I found more conflicting information, all of it claiming to be scientific and authoritative, than when I searched for gardening tips.

I've learned when I'm out of my depth, experts are infinitely more useful than expert sources. So I put your question to Ontario Master Gardener Cauleen Viscoff. (Master Gardeners are teachers and speakers who've taken scientific courses in horticulture). Her advice is simple: "Think like a plant." Plants need air, light and water, and take in nutrients through their roots. The bigger the plant, the deeper the root.

I'm afraid Viscoff poured a watering-can's worth of cold water on your plans, Ed: "You don't want to be planting seeds indoors and expecting you're going to have a vegetable garden. It's not going to work," she said.

Buy plants, not seeds, she advised, and try starting with a small cherry tomato in the deepest pot you can find. Herbs and salad greens can also be coaxed to grow in a condo, but that's about it: "Most window boxes are not deep enough. Don't expect veggies like peas and carrots unless you have a balcony."

If you're balcony-less, a sunny, south-facing window is the next best thing — but it's a poor substitute for the hours of direct sunlight most fruits and vegetables need every day. And crack it: Your condo air is probably stale.

Beautiful but inedible things like orchids and violets fare the best indoors, Viscoff said. As for most vegetables? "That's what the farmers' market is for."

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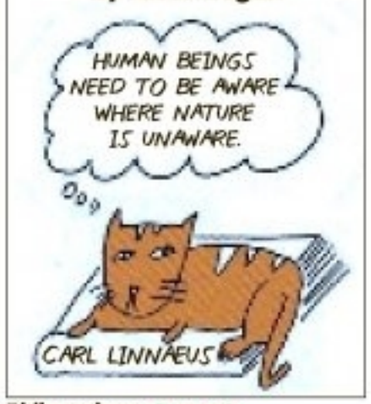
PHILOSOPHER CAT
by Jason Logan



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YOUR GUIDE TO CAPTAIN AMERICA'S UNIVERSE

With Marvel superheroes battling on the big-screen this weekend, it's hard to keep up with who's fighting who. We boil down the blitzkrieg in our Captain America: Civil War glossary.

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TEAM CAPTAIN AMERICA

The Falcon
Anthony Mackie

Captain America's perennial sidekick, The Falcon takes up with his super-pal in the battle against government regulation of superheroes. A former paratrooper, he uses a specialized winged jetpack to fly like, well, a falcon. An Avengers recruit, he's also responsible for bringing Ant-Man into the fold.

Ant-Man
Paul Rudd

After uncovering an incredible suit that enables him to shrink to the size of a bug, Ant-Man now lends his shape-shifting wardrobe to Captain America's fight. The truth is, in the comic book version, Ant-Man was killed off prior to the events of Marvel's Civil War.

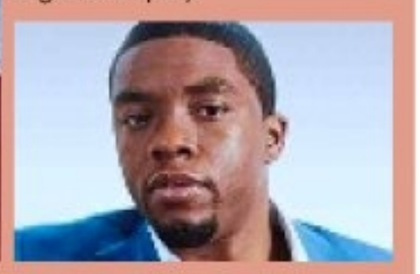
Bucky Barnes
Sebastian Stan

Introduced to filmgoers as the Winter Soldier in the previous Captain America movie, the now-brainwashed Bucky sides with his old friend. Although he has no superpowers, Barnes is an Olympic-class athlete so skilled in combat he actually took over as Captain America following the Civil War-years in the comic universe.

TEAM IRON MAN

Black Widow
Scarlett Johansson

Torn between teammates, the Avengers enemy-turned-member ultimately chooses Iron Man's pro-stance on government supervision of heroes. A martial-arts master armed with an electro-shock weapon called the Widow's Bite, the one-time assassin has a big role to play.

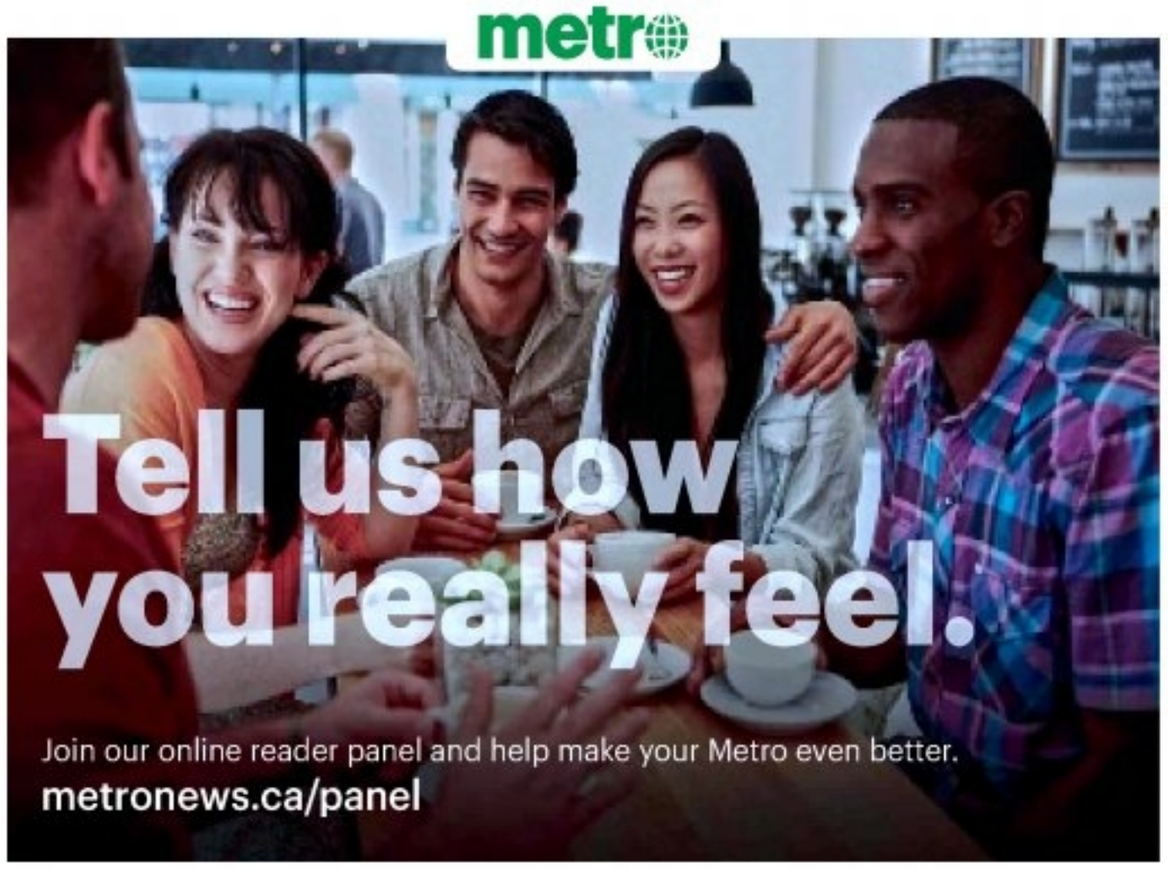


Black Panther
Chadwick Boseman

He'll soon have his own movie but first Black Panther has to partake in a little Civil War. He chose Iron Man's side after the African crown prince suspects Bucky Barnes is responsible for his father's assassination. A combatant with acrobatic skills, Black Panther is further favoured by a special suit.

Vision
Paul Bettany

Not your average superhero, Vision was an evil synthetic humanoid that was reprogrammed by Tony Stark in Avengers: Age of Ultron. Naturally, he's taking Iron Man's side and lucky for him – Vision can control his density and even partially materialize within other people, which presumably really hurts.



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The Bad Mother makes a good point

COMEDY

Film portrays the stresses of working and parenthood

Steve Gow
For Metro Canada

Filmmaker Sarah Kapoor gave her mom a mother's day gift she'll never forget — she cast her in a movie about motherhood.

"Well, I didn't have to pay her," laughed the actor-director about working alongside her mom in the new comedy The Bad Mother. "That was probably the riskiest casting decision of all but we wanted to make the movie (and) it was a way to skip the acting costs and start filming right away."

Kapoor's benevolence wasn't just limited to her mother either. In fact, the film experience extended to the whole family as her husband and kids also appear in the movie of a mom so fed up with an oppressive work-life balance that she drafts up a rant that accidentally goes viral — sending her situation into chaos.

"For women who need and want to work, there's so many obstacles and if you choose to be a stay-at-home mother, you're undervalued," said Kapoor about the spark that ignited her cinematic ode to motherhood. "There's an abundance of incredible research that supports these ideas but there was no mainstream, accessible movie about it. So we took the field of dreams approach and (thought) build it and they will come."

A working mother of two herself, Kapoor insists that the main character she portrays may not be quite true-to-life, but she's a definitely a composite of truth.

"Certainly it's inspired by feelings that I've had. The character Tara is an alternate version of myself," said Kapoor, adding the story's broader message about family may be more profound. "It's about women and mothers for sure, but when you watch the movie, its really about that struggle that impacts the whole family — it's hard on dads too when work-culture demands an enormous amount of loyalty."

A poignant topic that could've easily been dealt with a heavy hand, Kapoor made sure to give the social issue a lift of levity.

"Imagine pitching a movie on work-life balance and child care — who's going to go for that?" said Kapoor. "But if you make it and it's funny and endearing — well, the response has been wonderful.

The Bad Mother is available online at badmothermovie.com

3 DIFFERENT MOVIE MOMS

The Wise Mom
Sally Field filled her son with optimism and sensible schooling like "life is like a box of chocolates" in the Oscar-winning hit Forrest Gump.

The Protector
In Terminator 2, Sarah Connor (Linda Hamilton) stopped a robot apocalypse while guarding her son from a murderous cyborg in the guise of Arnold Schwarzenegger.

The Mentor
Sandra Bullock won an Oscar for portraying the real mother that adopted a homeless teen and raised him to become a football great in The Blind Side.

Director Sara Kapoor stars in The Bad Mother, available on Video on Demand. CONTRIBUTED

FAMILY BUSINESS

Gwyneth Paltrow and Blythe Danner: The mother-daughter duo paired up in a 2003 acclaimed biopic about poet Sylvia Plath, simply titled Sylvia.

Dakota Johnson and Melanie Griffith: Before she was turning Fifty Shades of Grey, Dakota Johnson made her debut going Crazy In Alabama — her mom's 1999 crime comedy.

Meryl Streep and Mamie Gummer: This famous mom-daughter combo has teamed up three times — most recently in 2015's rock n' roll comedy Ricki and the Flash.

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Five happening summer destinations

As well as beating the crowds and bypassing the pitfalls of mass tourism, visitors holidaying in up-and-coming destinations can also enjoy lower prices. Hot on the heels of Croatia — Europe's "exotic" destination some 15 years ago — here are five alternative hotspots for holidaying off the beaten track. AFP

ALL PHOTOS ISTOCK

1 Bulgaria

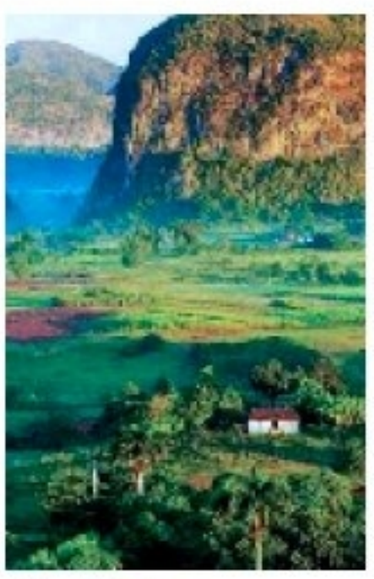
Like Croatia used to be years ago, Bulgaria is the latest up-and-coming destination in Eastern Europe. Tourists can still enjoy low prices with a bit of savvy planning. A flight to the capital, Sofia, shouldn't break the bank, especially since budget airlines now operate routes from some European cities. The country offers postcard-perfect landscapes for holidaymakers thanks to Black Sea beaches and a patchwork of typical Balkan villages and temperatures of around 27 C.

2 Iran

International relations with Iran have warmed since last year's signing of a nuclear deal. Major airlines are reopening routes to Tehran and international hotel groups are returning as tourists head back to Iran. Persepolis is a must for anyone with an interest in history, and budding photographers will love the dazzling coloured mosaics of the Nasir al-Mulk mosque in Chiraz.

3 Abkhazia

The Black Sea is a seriously hot destination in the travel world right now. On its eastern shore, Abkhazia awaits tourists curious to discover this little-known region between the Caucasus Mountains and the Black Sea. Abkhazia will please travellers with a taste for nature thanks to its many mountains and caves, including Krubera Cave, the deepest known on Earth.



4 Cuba

Catch a glimpse of the famous Cuban cars, take a peaceful dip in the crystal-clear waters of Maria La Gorda, or wander through Havana's picturesque old town before American tourists begin being able to arrive en masse, thanks to a thaw in U.S. relations. Make the most of the many salsa and rumba dance classes and local "casa particular" home stays.

5 Transylvania

Situated in the centre-west of Romania, Transylvania is a new alternative destination for nature-lovers thanks to its lush, green surroundings and natural border with the Carpathian mountain range. Transylvanian architecture and landscapes give a distinctly Game of Thrones slant to the surroundings, scattered with baroque-style villages like Cluj-Napoca.

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WASHINGTON

Forget Capitol Hill, D.C.'s politicos make room for hipsters

Over the last decade, Washington's incumbent suit-and-tie scene has been upstaged by alternative, revitalized neighbourhoods filled with beer gardens, social sports, food trucks, locavore restaurants and artist cafés.

Not far from the National Mall and Capitol Hill, a dynamic group of chefs, brew masters, club owners and artists have cultivated a thriving nightlife — shaking the U.S. capital's staid reputation as a commuter town full of tourist traps and lobbyist-infested steak houses.

Case in point: Vendetta Bocce Bar & Tavern on H St. N.E. Even 15 years ago, the area east of Union Station had a reputation for seediness and crime. These days it's a prime destination for those looking for a little recreation with their recreational drinking. "When people think of D.C., they typically think of all the government offices and jobs — and people who like to work hard play hard," says Bryson Lefmann, Vendetta's events and marketing manager.

Known for its free indoor bocce courts, the bar's décor is a hipster dream house of vintage cameras, umbrellas, black-and-white family photos, and vintage Italian advertisements.

D.C. has a transient, young working population looking to be socially engaged, Lefmann adds, so "they come to our bar to do something fun." That same ethos applies to Vendetta's sister bar across the street, the H Street Country Club. Casey Hogan, the club's general manager, labels the whole gentrifying strip an "up-and-comer." His club's covered, rooftop patio plays off its name: at night, the lights flicker off the blue walls and ceiling like reflecting pool waves. But the biggest draw is indoor, nine-hole mini-golf. The brainchild of a local artist, the D.C.-themed course even attracts customers playing the part in plaid shorts and golf caps.

Chef Kyle Bailey's Birch & Barley is one of the hottest spots on the thriving 14th St. N.W., serving beers paired to menu items such as pan-fried sweetbread and roast pappardelle.

The New York kitchen vet says D.C.'s stable staple of government-related jobs makes it less risky to launch a restaurant. But expense-account restos have been usurped by multicultural cuisine, tasty street food and farm-to-table kitchens like Bailey's own.

The Birch & Barley's centrepiece is an organ-designed beer tap system, its large pipes also carrying draft through the ceiling to serve its upstairs companion pub ChurchKey. The dual-venue crowd is a D.C. catch-all: young and old, suits and T-shirts, hipster and politico. D.C.'s old and new worlds are co-existing? It's nice to see someone in Washington getting along. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

TRAVEL NOTES

Graceland hits 20 millionth paid visitor

Elvis Presley Enterprises says CEO Jack Soden greeted the 20 millionth visitor, 31-year-old Tiffany Greenoak, at Graceland on Monday morning. Greenoak, who's originally from Montreal, and now lives in London, was on her honeymoon with her husband, 40-year-old Robert Greenoak. Elvis Presley lived at Graceland for 20 years before he died on Aug. 16, 1977. Tours of Graceland began on June 7, 1982. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Surgeon makes Rhode Island ad

An oral surgeon made a Rhode Island tourism ad and paid for it to air on television following the botched rollout of the state's own tourism campaign that featured an image of Iceland. A tourism video that Rhode Island released in March was quickly pulled after being mocked for showing footage of a Reykjavik concert hall. Cranston surgeon Stephen Skoly said he saw the state's mistake and thought, "We could do a lot better." Skoly, who owns a production company, created his own 30-second video featuring local footage with the tagline, Sea Rhode Island. He said it cost about $575 to make and $3,000 to air locally on CNN and elsewhere. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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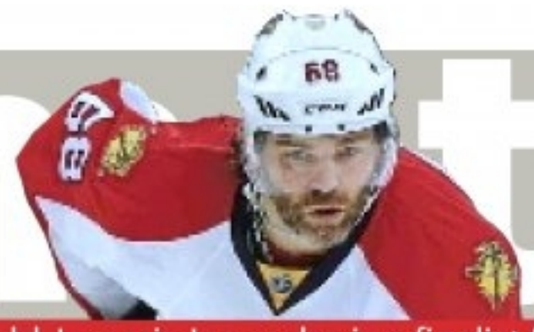

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44-year-old Jaromir Jagr, who is a finalist for the Bill Masterton Memorial Trophy, has agreed to a one-year contract to return to the Panthers

Late picks' stars shining

RAPTORS
TAKING ON THE HEAT

Powell and Richardson key contributors in post-season

New Year's Eve in Mississauga is not a mark-it-on-your-calendar sports night, no bowl games, no playoff games, no destination events that capture the imagination of the populace.

Imagine, then, how little the couple of thousand of fans who flocked to the Hershey Centre before 2015 became 2016 could have known they were seeing a precursor to one of the unique matchups of the Toronto Raptors-Miami Heat NBA Eastern Conference semifinal series that resumed Thursday night.

> **Our guys did a good job of finding Norm and he's been big for us.**
> Dwane Casey

In an otherwise drab D-League game that night — which was supposed to be the minor-league debut of hometown hero Anthony Bennett — the Sioux Falls Skyforce beat the Raptors905 119-105.

It was an entirely unremarkable game with a predictable outcome since Sioux Falls went on to win the D-League title and the expansion Raptors farm team would miss the playoffs.

But in that game, a promising young SkyForce guard named Josh Richardson poured in 30 points to lead his team while an equally highly touted 905 guard named Norman Powell had 21 points for the home team.

From those humble beginnings, both Powell and Richardson have grown to be vital contributors to both the Raptors and Heat, a testament to their talent and in some way to the value of the NBA's minor-league system that continues to grow.

Richardson played four games with the Heat's D-League affiliate in December and January but the 38 minutes a night he played were invaluable. Powell had just eight D-League appearances but he and Raptors coach Dwane Casey were always insisting that live game action, no matter where it is, is far more important than any practice or shootaround or sitting on the end of a bench watching an NBA game.

For Powell, it also gave him a chance to show what his talents were. He is driven by proving skeptics wrong and the chance to actually play.

The Raptors' Norman Powell defends against Josh Richardson of the Heat on Tuesday night..
STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

"I knew I was going to have to prove myself, I knew that my work ethic and my determination of proving people wrong, getting in the gym and working and working was going to give me the opportunity that I wanted," Powell said earlier in the playoffs.

"I didn't know when it was going to happen but I knew it was going to happen. Once you put that in your mind, nothing's going to stop you, nothing's going to deter you until you get to where you want to be."

The same could be said for Richardson, who has become one of the few consistent backups on a thin Miami bench. An NBA assistant coach said before the series that he was one of the wild cards for the Heat because of his shooting ability. He's averaged seven points but 28 minutes a night in the post-season, taking a bit of the load off an overworked Miami backcourt of Goran Dragic and Dwyane Wade.

In Game 1, Richardson hit two threes, scored eight points but also grabbed five rebounds and dished out three assists.

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NBA IN BRIEF

Curry doubtful for Game 3
Stephen Curry did not practise Thursday with the Golden State Warriors and is unlikely to play in Game 3 of the Western Conference semifinals at Portland.

Curry did some work on the court but has yet to scrimmage. Coach Steve Kerr said "probably not" when asked about Curry playing Saturday.

Wall has knee operated on
Washington Wizards all-star guard John Wall underwent left knee surgery and is expected to be ready for the start of next season.

The team said Wall had a procedure done to remove calcium deposits in his left knee to eliminate pain and help him heal more effectively. Wall's chances of playing in the 2016 Rio Olympics are likely over as a result.

Pacers cut ties with Vogel
Frank Vogel will not return as Indiana Pacers coach next season after a first-round playoff loss to the Toronto Raptors.

Pacers president Larry Bird says the team will not renew Vogel's contract for next season. Bird says he believes it's time for a new voice to lead the Pacers.

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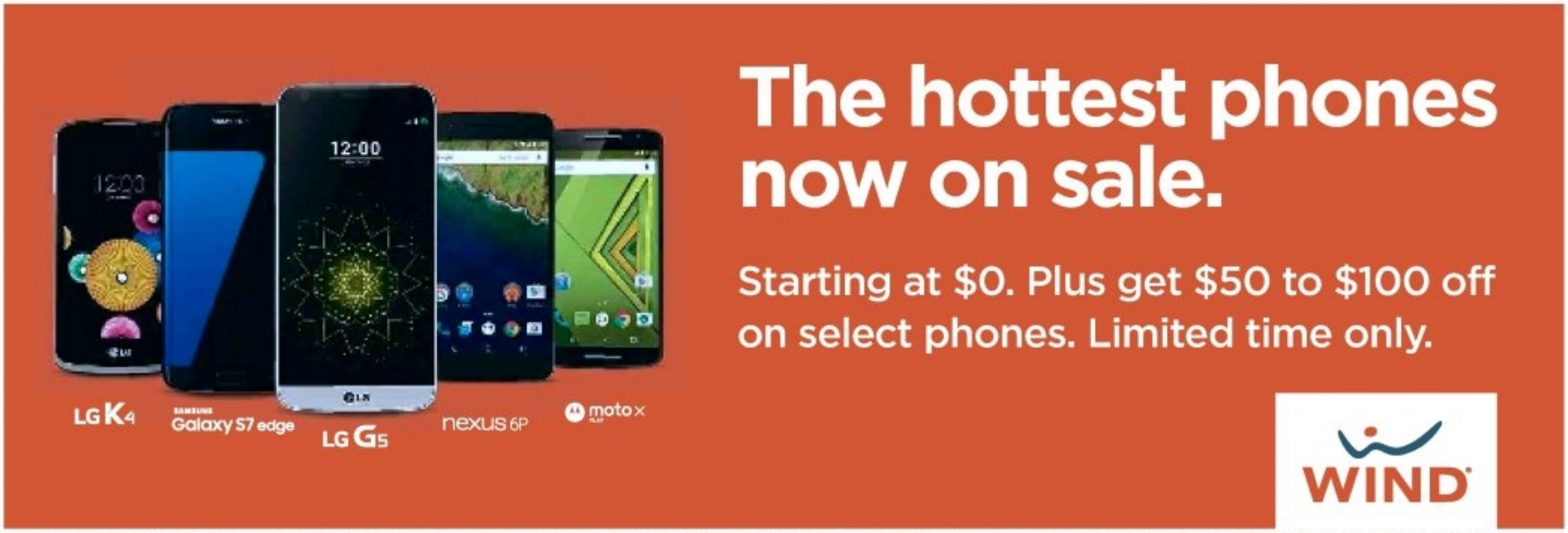
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Drew has Moor info on Dallas than most

MLS

TFC's Texan wary of old team ahead of his home debut

Toronto FC defender Drew Moor grew up in Texas and spent five seasons playing for Dallas FC. THE CANADIAN PRESS/PAUL CHIASSON

Drew Moor's relationship with FC Dallas goes all the way back to the franchise's days as Dallas Burn. Born and raised in the Texan city, Moor was 12 years old when the charter member of Major League Soccer came to town.

He and his dad were in the stands for the Burn's inaugural game at the Cotton Bowl in April 1996, a match in which the home side beat San Jose Clash 1-0. "I was a fan, I was hooked right away," Toronto FC's centre back said this week as he and his team prepared to meet FC Dallas in Saturday's home opener. At the time just a soccer obsessed kid, Moor didn't realize Dallas was a part of something bigger, bringing a successful professional soccer league to North American. Nor did he ever dream he would be drafted sixth overall by his hometown side almost nine years later. And Moor still follows his hometown side closely.

"I think any time a club was such a big part of your life you always follow them and keep tabs on them." That doesn't mean Moor knows exactly what to expect from his former team this weekend.

Dallas is undefeated at home, but the club has lost three of its five away games, conceding 13 goals in the process. Losing in Toronto would mean a third consecutive defeat, after 3-0 and 4-0 thrashings at the hands of Vancouver Whitecaps and New York Red Bulls respectively.

While Oscar Pareja's side is unpredictable this season, Moor said Dallas remains a team that thrives off its opponents mistakes and uses its speed and creativity to launch quick counter attacks. "With two difficult results like that they're going to be ready to play," Moor said.

And though Toronto is finally back home after a gruelling, successful two-month road trip, the parity within the league means Moor doesn't expect the Reds' games to suddenly become much easier. However, Moor anticipates Dallas's open style of play means the team will leave room at the back for the Reds' offence to exploit. And while Saturday will be Moor's first time playing for BMO Field's home team, he said the stadium already feels like his own. "It's up to us to make sure we make noise and give fans a team to get behind."

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MLB

Edwing takes flight to crush Rangers

Edwin Encarnacion hit a bases-clearing double in Toronto's five-run first inning and later added a three-run homer as the Blue Jays crushed the Texas Rangers 12-2 on Thursday night at Rogers Centre.

The Toronto slugger belted a no-doubt blast off Rangers starter Derek Holland in the third inning for his fifth homer of the season. It was Encarnacion's 202nd home run as a Blue Jay, moving him into a tie with George Bell for fifth place on the franchise's all-time list.

Encarnacion added a double in the sixth inning, one of Toronto's 15 hits in the game. Kevin Pillar also had a three-hit night to help the Blue Jays return to the .500 mark with their third straight victory.

Josh Donaldson scored three runs and Jose Bautista scored twice as Toronto (15-15) reached a double-digit run total for the first time this season.

The Rangers opened the scoring in the first inning against Blue Jays starter J.A. Happ. Adrian Beltre, who reached base after barely beating the throw to first to avoid a double play, moved to second on a wild pitch and scored on a Prince Fielder single.

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IN BRIEF

Gallant, Ruff, Trotz named coach of the year finalists

Florida's Gerard Gallant, Dallas's Lindy Ruff and Washington's Barry Trotz were named the three finalists for the Jack Adams Award on Thursday, given to the NHL's best head coach.

Gallant led the Panthers (47-26-9, 103 points) to the Atlantic Division title.

Ruff directed the Stars (50-23-9, 109 points) to the Central Division and Western Conference titles while Trotz guided the Capitals (56-18-8, 120 points) to the Presidents' Trophy. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Cook time: 15 minutes

Ingredients
- 1 cup old fashioned oats
- 1 cup spelt flour
- 1/4 brown sugar
- 1/2 tsp baking soda
- 1 1/2 tsp baking powder
- 1/2 tsp ground cinnamon
- 2 eggs
- 3/4 cup milk
- 3/4 cup plain Greek-style yogurt
- 1/2 tsp vanilla extract
- 2 ripe bananas, mashed
- 1/2 cup dark chocolate chips
- 4 Tbsp butter

Directions

1. In a large mixing bowl, combine oats, flour sugar, baking soda, baking powder and cinnamon.

2. In a separate bowl, whisk eggs, milk, yogurt and vanilla. Combine yogurt mixture with dry ingredients and then fold in bananas.

3. Heat 1 tablespoon of butter in a large skillet over medium heat. Use a 1/4 cup measure to pour batter in your hot pan, leaving some space between pancakes in the skillet. Cook pancakes until bubbles appear on top and the underside is golden brown then flip and cook another 1 to 2 minutes. Add another tablespoon of butter to pan between batches and work until batter is finished.

4. Serve with warm maple syrup, agave or honey.

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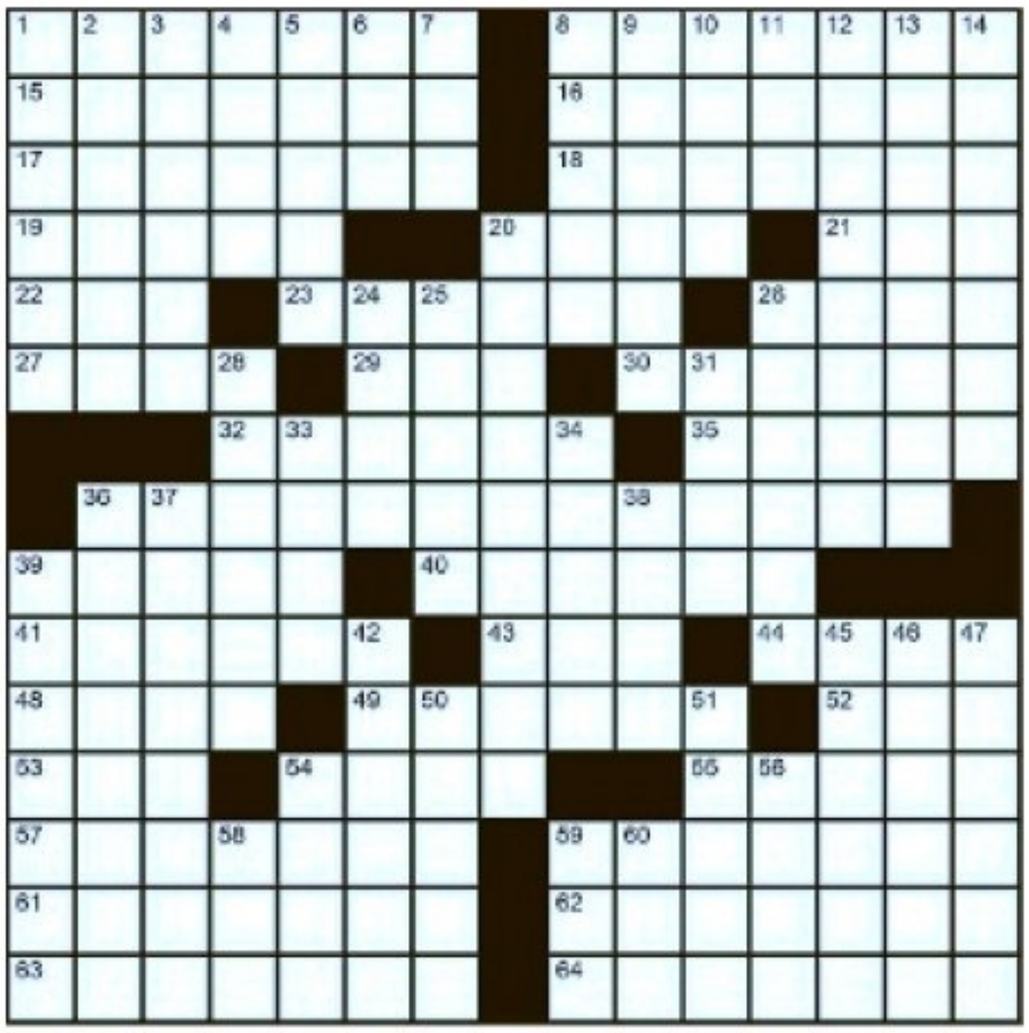

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1. Clearly expresses
8. Minstrel musicians
15. Mosque tower
16. Up the proverbial creek: 3 wds.
17. Autocratically
18. Potassium __
19. Handle
20. Advantages
21. Music style
22. Eliminate
23. Canucks (note the 's'), as opposed to Canuck
26. Assist
27. Acknowledged
29. Hot season in Montreal
30. "The Partridge Family" character played by Susan Dey
32. Biblical book/prophet
35. Canadian Politics: Nicknames of the Liberals
36. Famous event Canadian racehorse Northern Dancer won in 1964: 2 wds.
39. __ sock (Do darning)
40. Celine's "The Prayer" duettist
41. Pre-born social insect: 2 wds.
43. Canadian rapper, JD __
44. Disapproving sound
48. Munchies/treats, advertising-style
49. English class assignments
52. Comprehend
53. X
54. Captivating animal attractions
55. Fashion: __ couture
57. Port city in North Africa on the Mediterranean
59. Became full from the buffet
61. "Circle in the Sand" by __ Carlisle
62. Fixed the suit jacket in a way
63. Tonsil's pal
64. Wine storage rooms

DOWN
1. Set sail
2. Bow's instrument
3. Not outdoors
4. Spaceflight gr.
5. Crunchy
6. Snake-like splasher
7. Pen
8. The Balance
9. Get the newly-purchased rug ready for use
10. New Mexico art colony
11. Doctrine
12. Bible: Eve was created from one: 2 wds.
13. Wholeness
14. Grassy expanses on plains
20. As per #36-Across... The other big thoroughbred horse race Northern Dancer won in 1964, __ Stakes
24. French for 'the water'
25. Mohawk Valley city in New York
26. "Whoopee!"
28. Glass cleaning brand
31. Pulitzer-winning writer James
33. Male deer
34. Mythological multi-headed monster
36. Put the dogs in a boarding shelter, States-style
37. Mire
38. Sturdy horse cart
39. Flat-roofed tomb of ancient Egypt
42. Lieutenant Commander __ La Forge ('Star Trek' universe character)
45. The Night of the __ (Tennessee Williams play)
46. Jet-__ (World traveller)
47. War horses
50. "What a pity.": 2 wds.
51. Beach trinket
54. __ of Elea (Ancient Greek philosopher)
56. Seed coat
58. "Am __ your way?"
59. Legendary monster
60. Peace sign's spelled-out shape

IT'S ALL IN THE STARS Your daily horoscope by Francis Drake

Aries March 21 - April 20
Today is the best day of the year to take stock of what you own. Do your wealth and assets make your life easier? After all, that's the objective, isn't it?

Taurus April 21 - May 21
Take a realistic look in the mirror today to see how you can make a better impression on your world. (This is the best day of the year to do this.)

Gemini May 22 - June 21
For one more month, you must be patient with partners and close friends. After that, these relationships will be far less demanding.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
Friendships are important, whether you are an extrovert or an introvert. Actually, your friends are a reflection of who you are. Think about this today.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Today's New Moon is the best day all year to observe your style of relating to authority figures — bosses, parents and VIPs. Are you gracious or competitive?

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
What further education or training will help to improve your job? What travel might you do to enrich your life?

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You will have greater peace of mind if you work to reduce your debt. This is the perfect day to think about how to do this.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Scrutinize your partnerships and closest friendships today, because this is the best day of the year to do this. (That's because today is the only New Moon opposite your sign all year.)

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
What can you do to improve your job or the way that you do your job? The whole point of efficiency is to make things easier for you.

Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
"No pain, no gain" is a Capricorn belief. But in truth, we all need to play every day! Do you balance play with work? Think about this today.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Think of several ways that you might improve your home, as well as your relationships with family members. Today's New Moon is the best day of the year to think about this.

Pisces
Feb. 20 - March 20
It's important to be as clear as you can in all your communications with others. Observe your style of communicating. Do you really listen to others, or do you just wait for a chance to speak?

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